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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 43-47, 49-56, 58-60, and 83-103 are pending. By this amendment, claims 43, 50, 52, 54, 56, 92, 94, and 96 are amended, new claims 98-103 are added and withdrawn claims 64-82 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The drawings stand objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.84(p)(5). The undersigned has attempted to correct the drawings but it is unclear from the Office Action which Figure has such informalities. Upon the Patent Office providing more detailed information regarding the Figure that needs to be corrected, replacement sheets will be provided to comply with this objection. It seems that the objection paragraphs are generic paragraphs without any detail as to what Figure is objected to.

The disclosure stands object to based on informalities. The indicated informalities have been amended in claims 42 and 56.

Claims 43-47, 49-55, and 83-85 stand objected to based on informalities. Those informalities have been corrected.

Claims 43-47, 4-55, and 83-85 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Independent claims 43 and 56 have been amended to recite repetition or puncturing, as suggested by the Examiner. Hence, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 43-47, 49-56, 58-60 and 83-97 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The indicated issues raised in the Office Action have been clarified to more

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particularly recite the claimed invention. As per claims 49-55 and 91-97, the relationship is already clearly recited in the claims. Hence, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

The undersigned thank the Examiner for the interview of May 19, 2005. As discussed during that interview, the rejection of claims 43-45, 83, 84, and 85 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Hiroshi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,907,586) and the rejection of claims 46, 47, 49-56, 58-60, 83, and 86-97 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Hiroshi et al. in view of Mustafa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,370,669) can be distinguished if the claims more clearly recite the coupling. Independent claims 43 and 56 have been amended to more clearly recite the coupling between the elements and/or features recited in those claims. Further, such recitation would overcome any potential rejection based on newly cited reference provided during the interview, i.e., Park et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,397,367). Hence, withdrawal of the §102 and §103 rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that this application is in condition for allowance. Further new dependent claims 98 and 99 have been added to further clarify additional features. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this,

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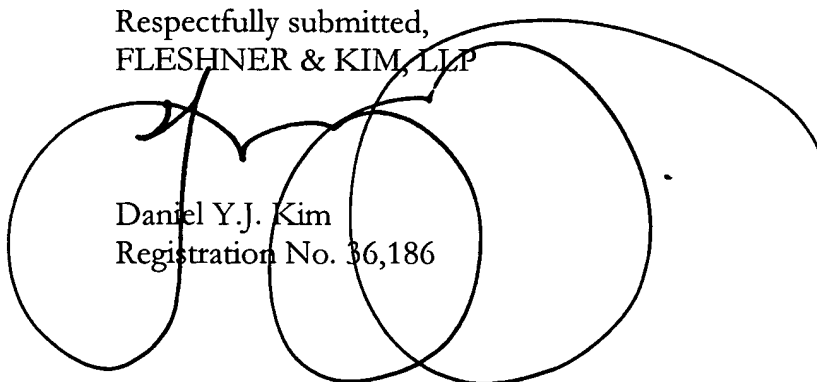
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concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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